

D. C. Soldiers Get Three Square Meals At Camp Meade Costing 7 $\frac{1}{10}$ Cents Each

SAVING OF \$15 IN SINGLE DAY ON FEDERAL ALLOWANCE

If the average Washington housewife faced the necessity of feeding her family at a cost per plate of twenty-two and eight-tenths cents a day, or seven and six-tenths cents a meal she would very likely send up a Macedonian cry for help.

But that's what the cooks and bakers of the District machine gun battalion at Camp Meade did for the three meals last Sunday, and they can lower the figure on week days without failing to satisfy the appetites of the hungriest soldier.

Buying in bulk at prices far below the quotations of the Washington retailers, and the strictest food economy enable the mess sergeants at Camp Meade to give each soldier three good meals a day, with meat at each meal, at less than the cost of the Government employee's quick lunch.

As an illustration take the official returns of the mess sergeant of Company A, of the District machine gun battalion, giving the tabulated outlay for one day, last Sunday, in feeding the ninety men in his company mess.

Cost of Three Sunday Meals.
The mess sergeant had an allowance of \$9.54 cents a day for the ninety men. This is what his three meals cost him:

Breakfast	\$7.59
Dinner	7.56
Supper	5.37
Total	20.52

The rate of 20.54 cents a day per man made the total allowance for the ninety men \$18.58, so the mess saved \$13.06 from its allowance.

A family of five couldn't eat three meals at a downtown Washington hotel or restaurant, without picking carefully at the menu, for the sum sufficient to feed ninety husky soldiers.

What Housewife Pays.
The housewife, if she did some careful marketing Saturday and used the utmost economy in the kitchen, might duplicate the meal served the Camp Meade soldiers at a little more than twice the cost, but that is about the best she could do. Her three meals, serving the same dishes to the family of five, would cost 50 cents a plate, instead of 22 and a fraction for the soldier, or 17 cents a plate for each meal as against less than 8 cents for the soldier.

The bachelor eating around at restaurants and hotels, satisfying his normal appetite at war time rates, of course, would find himself utterly unable to approximate the prices of the Camp Meade cooks.

The 7.6 cents that buys a meal for the Camp Meade soldier wouldn't buy him an egg sandwich at the cheapest lunch room. The best he could get for the 22.5 cents that buys the soldier three Sunday meals would be a sandwich, almost bereft of meat, a hunk of pie and a cup of coffee. And he would be expected for this price to help himself off the steam counter.

An after theater supper would cost the Washington couple at least the price of a Sunday supper at Camp Meade for ninety men. If they had wine the check might easily approximate the total charged up by the mess sergeant of company for the



Peeling potatoes for the evening meal is one of the outdoor sports in a day's routine at camp. Thousands of "spuds" go under the knife every day.

three meals he served the ninety men in his mess last Sunday.

The following tables show the menus served to the District soldiers last Sunday, with the total cost of each dish for the ninety men, and in the parallel column the approximate cost to the District housewife with a family of five:

Breakfast.		District Family	
Camp Meade.	50 Soldiers.	House of Five.	
Oatmeal, 5 boxes.	\$1.53	Half box.	\$1.53
Two cans milk.	.15	Part quart.	.15
Steak, 30 pounds.	4.36	One pound.	.20
Lyonnais potatoes.	.15	Potatoes.	.55
30 pounds.	.30	Onions.	.05
Onions, 2 pounds.	.07	One loaf.	.10
12 loaves bread.	1.20	24 pounds coffee.	.25
24 pounds coffee.	.25	One-third pound.	.02
3 pounds sugar.	.25		
Total	7.59	Total	3.53

Breakfast at Camp Meade was the most expensive of last Sunday's menu, because the mess sergeant thought the men needed steak. The District housewife might have substituted

"chow," picturesquely designated "chow," is the most popular institution in camp. Like Gaul, camp time is divided into three parts—breakfast, dinner, and supper.

The picture shows a bunch of rookies just arrived. They haven't all received their uniforms, but they all know mess call.

the Washington housewife, of course, is that they buy in bulk at wholesale prices, without even a middleman to contend with, while the woman, who goes to market pays a jobber's profit and then a retailer's profit before she gets her market basket filled.

Save by Buying Direct.
Take meat, for instance. At Camp Meade, according to quotations furnished by the mess sergeant of Company A of the District machine gun battalion, fresh beef costs 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound. The cheapest possible price sugar is 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ here, if it can be bought, at a Washington market is 25 cents a pound. Other staples show a corresponding difference in favor of Camp Meade.

Beans are 20 cents a pound in Washington and 12.35 cents at Camp Meade; potatoes, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Washington and 2.25 cents a pound there; Washington housewives pay from 40 to 60 cents a pound for tea. They pay 27 cents at Camp Meade. A fair grade of coffee costs 30 cents in Washington and 14.55 cents at Camp Meade. Sugar is 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ here, if it can be bought, and 8.18 there. Lard costing 29 cents a pound in Washington costs 23.47 at Camp Meade. Flour will cost 8 cents in small lots here and 6.25 cents a pound at Meade.

The Camp Meade cooks are able to give the soldiers meat three times a day, something unheard of in the average Washington family, because the subsistence officers have the advantage of being able to buy in any number of markets at wholesale prices, and because there is not a particle of waste in army cooking.

For the three meals last Sunday, shown in detail in this article, there were eighty-five pounds of fresh meat consumed by ninety men, not to mention the large amount of pot roast. The fact that the pot roast was left for use in evidence that the men had more meat the day before than they could eat. No man passes by the steaming hot pot roast who can possibly find a crevice in his interior for more.

Saving From Allowance.
Not only have the army cooks been able to feed the men well on their allowance of \$9.54 cents a day per man, but they have been able to save money out of their allowance.

The balance in one company for the month of November already amounts to enough to afford an expenditure of \$100 a day until November 1. The oyster supper given the other night by one of the companies of the District battalion was made possible by saving of mess funds. For the rest of the month there will be ice cream, chicken, oysters, and other luxuries, with some fine desserts. The pantry shelves show evidences that the cooks are preparing for a siege.

The three mess sergeants of the District battalion are now busy with an enormous amount of bookkeeping. The more they count up and balance the larger is the surplus. Last Sunday's saving of more than \$15 for one day's meals shows how the money is piling up. To avoid anything like reckless extravagance, it is likely that a large part of the balance will be carried into next month.

The fine fruits, the sea foods for Fridays, the cakes and other dainties will be added to the menu from now on. Some of the elaborate dishes in the army cook books are not attempted now by the cooks at Camp Meade because it is found advisable to move cautiously through the culinary mazes that are revealed in that volume. The cooks are as brave as the fighting men are, but they are not going over the top until they learn how to make that desperate adventure.

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3,000 MOURN LOSS OF GIRL WHO LIVED IN CAMP AS BOY

There will be 3,000 seasoned workmen as mourners this afternoon when the body of "Mike" Kelley, a former fellow-workman, is interred in the family burying ground in a little churchyard cemetery, fourteen miles from Greenville, in the mountains of east Tennessee. They cannot attend the funeral, for they are employed at Camp Stuart, Va., but their hearts will be there.

"Mike" worked at the camp only three weeks, but in even less time than that made friends of everyone. "Mike's" job was "water boy."

Possessing a sunny and cheerful disposition, "Mike's" name was soon changed by the workmen to "Smiles" for the smile of "Mike" was as refreshing as the drink that "he" distributed among the men.

Crushed Beneath Truck.

It was a tragedy—the fatal injury to "Mike" beneath an automobile truck—that brought to light the fact that "Mike" was not a boy at all, but a girl masquerading in men's clothing. She was riding a big army truck in a liberty loan parade last week in Newport News with a group of workmen from Camp Stuart, when she fell beneath the wheels and was fatally crushed. She died two days later, a hospital.

While Florence Kelley's life to those with whom she associated may have appeared happy, disclosures since her death reveal an unhappy career since the death of her mother, three years ago.

The girl grew up in a rough mountain district in East Tennessee. Her lot during the death of her mother was a hard one, so she obtained work as a domestic in a home in Greenville, fourteen miles away.

Women Doing Bids.

Her reading in the newspapers and magazines of the war; how women and girls were doing their bit; how in many cases women were taking the places of men who had gone to the front, kindled the fire of patriotism in the heart of Florence. She sought Red Cross work, but found that she could not go ahead.

Some weeks ago Florence disappeared from Greenville. A month later she returned, but refused to tell where she had been. After a visit of a few days with friends she again left without giving notice.

About three weeks ago the girl, wearing the clothes of a man, applied at Camp Stuart for work. She was given the job of water boy. She worked hard and received two increases in her wages, so that she was drawing \$2 a day at the time of the accident.

Given a bunk in a cabin with a "fellow" workman at the camp, she conducted herself as a boy, listening to the jokes of the men and taking part in their discussions. But her identity was never suspected until Dr. W. J. Wright, who attended the girl at the hospital, made the announcement.

Roommate Startled.

The girl's roommate was so startled by the discovery that he started an investigation.

The girl's hair was discovered in an oil stove, where she had first cut off the long tresses. It was also learned that she sought the assistance of a barber to shape the hair up "man style." The most calloused workmen in the camp was touched by the finding, in a small satchel owned by the girl, of a lot of little trinkets such as girls like to have about them. There were several well-thumbed books in the satchel on what can be accomplished by women if they work hard to develop their minds and their bodies.

In one book, found in the girl's room, was a torn page telling why women do not make as good fighters as men. It was attributed in the article to the fact that women eat dainty food and do not get the necessary training to equip them for hard work.

Was Real Girl.
Florence Kelley was a real girl in her last moments on earth. She lost her desire for war and called pitifully for her father. Just before

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"Mike, the Water Boy," Before Escapade



This is Florence Kelley, whose desire to help her country led her to live at Camp Stuart as a boy. She carried water for the workmen about the camp, and earned \$2 a day. Her identity became known when she was fatally injured by being crushed under a motor truck.

she died she regained consciousness and tearfully begged those about her bedside to bring her father to her. The girl, who had been virtually ignored by her loved one, was near death when a letter came from J. E. Collins, a brother-in-law, containing a note of kindness and sympathy. She died without knowing its contents. The letter, which was sent to the hospital from Camp Stuart, follows:

"Greenville, Tenn., R. F. D. 10,
October 20, 1917.

"Dear Sister: We hear through the Knoxville paper that you were killed yesterday, but today I received a dispatch you were still alive, and stating you wanted me to come at once. Well, Florence, it is out of my power to come. I am not able to come, but if you get so you can write me or have it done, I will send you a ticket to come home. Or, I may get so I can come in a few days. So write us how you are getting along. I do hope this will find you bettering."

"Lizzie is awfully tore up about you. I am willing for her to come, but she says it is too far away. So if I could do you any permanent good I would try to come. So good-by; I hope we may meet again somewhere. Your true brother-in-law,
"J. E. COLLINS."

A collection was taken by the men in camp, and a sum was raised among

PETER TREANOR, RICH MERCHANT OF CAPITAL, DIES

Peter C. P. Treanor, wealthy dry goods merchant, a resident of Washington for thirty years, is dead today at the home of Mrs. Walter Hoyer, a friend of the family, 1722 Columbia road northwest.

Mr. Treanor died yesterday morning at Syracuse, N. Y., where he was bidden farewell to his son, Corporal Paul Treanor, of the Thirtieth Infantry, about to leave for the South.

Born in Canada.

Born in St. Mary's, Canada, in 1848, he came to the United States as a child, making Albany, N. Y., his first home. He arrived in Washington in 1880 and started to work in Woodward & Lothrop's department store some years later.

After more than fifteen years' work in the store, during which time he steadily advanced, he was made assistant manager.

He served as assistant manager at the department store for more than nine years, leaving Washington seven years ago, to accept a position as assistant manager of the New York store of the John Wanamaker Company.

Went To Boston.

Two years ago he went to Boston as vice president of the E. O. Slatery Company, one of the country's largest business houses in the dry goods line. He was prominent in musical affairs of the Capital and was a leading member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Smith Treanor, whom he married as Miss Rose Smith, of an old Capital Hill family, in 1894; two children, Paul, twenty, and Rose, 8; and two sisters, Mrs. George Nicholson, of Colorado, and Miss Anna Treanor, of this city.

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